



H.RES. 1155 – HONORING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE EL DORADO PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1155 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Mike Ross (D-AR) on April 29, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1155 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on May 5, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1155 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- Congratulates the recipients of the El Dorado Promise scholarship for choosing to further their education;
- Observes that April 30, 2008, is the second academic signing day for graduating El Dorado High School students receiving El Dorado Promise and other academic scholarships;
- Acknowledges that the El Dorado Promise scholarship program is important for the revitalization of southern Arkansas; and
- Recognizes Murphy Oil Corporation for its efforts to ensure that children from southern Arkansas, who might otherwise struggle in financing a college education, are able to attend college.

BACKGROUND

The 2000 U.S. Census determined that El Dorado, Arkansas, had a higher number of families falling below the national poverty line as well as a lower percentage of residents with degrees from higher educational institutions. El Dorado is a city of 21,530 people, located in the timber producing region of Arkansas. In 2006, an automotive equipment plant left the town, causing 650 manufacturing jobs to be lost.

To help El Dorado change these statistics, the Murphy Oil Corporation created and funded the El Dorado Promise scholarship and tuition fund in 2007 to help eligible students graduating from the El Dorado Public School District to attend any accredited two or four year public or private college or university. El Dorado Promise will provide \$50 million in scholarship money, and is not based on financial need or grades.

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